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1.(C) As noted paragraph three of reftel (B), following the meeting with Foreign Minister Baugh to deliver demarche on UNGA Third Committee 2008 human rights priorities, on September 10 Post provided a copy to the Office of Prime Minister Bruce Golding.

2.(C) On the afternoon of September 22, Post received the following letter from the Office of the Prime Minister, addressed to Ambassador and dated September 18:

(begin text of Prime Minister's letter of September 18)

" Dear Ambassador LaGrange Johnson:

I refer to your memorandum dated 10th September regarding a number of issues likely to be deliberated on at the 63rd United Nations General Assembly. I have noted your concerns. I note, also, that these were the subject of discussions between yourself and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

Jamaica's position on these matters will be consistent with our unequivocal commitment to human rights, international peace and security and the right to self-determination, sovereignty, territorial integrity and the independence of States. We remain fully supportive of the United Nations Charter and the resolutions adopted to support it.

I note your comments on Jamaica's voting record at the United Nations. The instances in which our votes differ from those of the United States relate predominantly to issues concerning conflicts in the Middle East. Jamaica has consistently supported the achievement of a just and comprehensive settlement that recognizes the right of all states including Israel, to live in peace and the right of Palestine to statehood. Our position is generally consistent with that of the overwhelming majority of member states and recognizes the crucial role of the United Nations in advancing the peace process in the Middle East.

Yours sincerely,
/s/
Bruce Golding
Prime Minister"

(end text of Prime Minister's letter of September 18)
